

Conserving Wetlands

for Water Quality

The What, When, Why in Howe

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Wetlands have long been one of Nature's most misunderstood natural resources! The true value of wetlands was not realized until more than 50 percent were drained or filled. Flood control, sediment filtering, storm water management, aquatic habitat, and a number of other functions critical to the health of the Pigeon and Fawn Rivers and our quality of life are credited to wetlands.

YOU ARE INVITED to learn more about the state of wetlands in our area, along with a new planning tool that ranks wetlands—historic and existing—by the significance of the functions they serve. This tool will help inform landowners in the greater St. Joseph River Basin about the importance of **protecting** remaining wetlands and **restoring** the functions of wetlands that were previously lost. As a property owner, you may discover that you own important wetlands for protecting or improving water quality in the River Basin. **Learn about programs, tools and financial incentives for landowners and officials to protect existing wetlands and/or revitalize previously impacted wetlands.**

DATE: Wednesday, November 7th **TIME: 6:30—8:00 PM**

AT: The Howe School, Bouton Auditorium, 5755 Indiana 9, Howe, IN

This event is hosted by LaGrange and Steuben Soil and Water
Conservation Districts in partnership with:

Friends of the St. Joe River Association, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, The Howe School, Branch & St. Joseph Conservation Districts, Ducks Unlimited, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, St. Joseph River Basin Commission, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and more...